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SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - 22 JUNE 1973

REF: VIENTIANE 4514

I. MILITARY SITUATION

A. MR'S I, IV AND V: NO GROUND ACTION REPORTED DURING PERIOD 20-21 JUNE.

B. MR II: THERE WERE THREE PATROL CLASHES REPORTED BETWEEN SALA PHOU KHOUN AND MUONG SOUI ON 15 JUNE (ONE FRIEND KIA, THREE RIFLES AND TWO RADIOS LOST); IN MUONG DECHA AREA, WELL SOUTHEAST OF LONG TIENG, ON 20 JUNE (NO CASUALTIES); AND IN FAR SOUTHEASTERN PART OF REGION ON 21 JUNE (RESULTS UNKNOWN).

C. MR III: THERE WAS ONE ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE EAST OF KENGKOK EVENING 20 JUNE (NO CASUALTIES). ONLY RLAF ACTIVITY IN COUNTRY WAS SINGLE AC-47 SORTIE IN SUPPORT OF FOREGOING ACTION.

II. POLITICAL SITUATION

A. LAO MINISTRY OF INFORMATION HAS ISSUED A CLARIFICATION OF STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA BY AFP JUNE 19 CONCERNING A " DIVISION OF LAOS INTO TWO ZONES." MINISTRY CALLED AFP RENDERING OF SOUVANNA'S WORDS " A BAD INTERPRETATION" AND NOTED SOUVANNA WAS MERELY SPEAKING OF SEPARATING TROOPS IN CONTACT SO AS TO ARRIVE AT A COMPLETE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES. CONFIDENTIAL

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(COMMENT: AS NOTED VIENTIANE 4472, IT WOULD BE UNCHARACTERISTIC FOR SOUVANNA TO IMPLY HE WAS EVEN CONSIDERING A DIVIDED LAOS. MINISTRY'S PROMPT MOVE TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT CLEARLY ILLUSTRATES SOUVANNA'S DETERMINED POSITION AND SENSITIVITY ON THIS POINT. END COMMENT)

B. LPF NEWS AGENCY ACCOUNT OF SENIOR ADVISOR PHOUMI'S JUNE 20 MEETING WITH RLG NEGOTIATOR PHENG REPORTED THAT TWO REPS CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS WITH A VIEW TO IMPLEMENTING VIENTIANE AGREEMENT AND "TO QUICKLY SIGNING THE PROTOCOL SO THAT A NEW PGNU AND THE NATIONAL COALITION POLITICAL COUNCIL MAY BE SET
UP SOON."
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